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SUBJECT: PINEAPPLE FUMIGATION

PASS FREDERICK C. ERSKINE FROM THOMASSON

DEPT. PASS AGRICULTURE FOR F&V & FAS

1. INTERMART JAPAN REP. VISITED AGATT OFFICE YESTERDAY RE IMPORTS FRESH HAWAIIAN PINEAPPLE.

2. INTERMART REPORTEDLY IMPORTING AVE. OF ONE TON PER WEEK. THIS AMOUNTS 50 PERCENT INCREASE IN TOTAL MONTHLY FRESH PINEAPPLE IMPORTS FROM U.S. HOWEVER,SO FAR ONLY ONE SHIPMENT OF ABOUT TEN HAS BEEN GRANTED ENTRY WITHOUT PRIOR FUMIGATION FOR LIVE INSECTS.

3. INTERMART SAYS FUMIGATION HERE COSTS 60,000 YEN PER 100 CASE SHIPMENT PLUS CONSIDERABLE DELAY AND EXTRA HANDLING AT PORT.

4. ACCORDING INTERMART, ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE WITH EXPORTER, J.N. HAWAII DIST. CO., TO HAVE FRUIT FUMIGATED IN HAWAII AT LESS THAN JAPANESE FUMIGATION COST. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO INTERMART, HAWAII SIDE NOW RELUCTANT TO FUMIGATE DUE TO LACK OF EXPERTISE.

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5. AGATT FEARS INTERMART WILL LOSE INTEREST IN THIS BUSINESS UNLESS SOMETHING CAN BE WORKED OUT.

6. JAPANESE REPORTEDLY FUMIGATING WITH CYANIDE AT 1.8
GRAMS PER CUBIC METER FOR 30 MINUTES.
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